



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, Deuel County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol and the FBI announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Today, William J. Buckner, age 47, of Shortsville, New York, was sentenced by United States District Judge Richard G. Kopf, to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 240 months. Following his release from prison, Buckner will be on supervised release for the remainder of his life, and be required to register as a sex offender. As part of his sentence, Buckner is also required to pay \$4,611.00 in restitution to the child victim and her family.

Buckner, an over-the-road truck driver, was arrested on June 24, 2010, after kidnaping an 8 year old girl at the Bosselman's Truck Stop in Big Springs, Nebraska. Buckner contacted the girl at the interstate truck plaza, took the 8 year old girl to his truck and drove her, via interstate highway, to another truck stop in Julesburg, Colorado, where he told her to remove her clothes. He then fondled her in the breast and vaginal areas. The girl began to cry and Buckner returned her to the Big Springs Truck Stop, where he was arrested, and where the girl was reunited with her family.

Name of Defendant: William J. Buckner

Age: 47

City of residence: Shortsville, New York

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Kidnaping, in violation of Title 18, U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1) and (g). Statutory penalties include 20 years to life in prison, up to a \$250,000 fine, five years to life of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Big Springs, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Big Springs, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: June 24, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: July 20, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: July 20, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: August 17, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on January 19, 2011

Sentencing Date: April 14, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since: June 24, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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